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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 28, 2006, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows:

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The other references cited by the Examiner were cited for specific features of the dependent claims and also do not disclose or suggest the features set forth in claim 1 as amended. Claims 3 -- 7 are each dependent upon claim 1, either directly or indirectly and are also believed to be allowable. Claim 2 has been canceled. In view of the foregoing reconsideration of the application and allowance of claims 1 and 3 -- 7 are respectfully solicited. The allowance of claims 15 -- 19 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 8 -- 14 may be canceled from this application subject to the right of Applicants to file a divisional application based thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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